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**PETITION FOR FURTHER EXTENSION OF TIME
UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a)**

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Dear Sir:

This is a request under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a response to the Office Action dated November 24, 2003. This is a request for a further two-month extension of time from March 24, 2004 to May 24, 2004. Please charge Deposit Account Number 50-1038 the amount of \$840.00, the required fee for this extension of time.

It is noted in computing the \$840.00 fee, Applicants are deducting the previously paid fee of \$110.00 from the \$950.00 fee specified under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(3) (i.e., \$950.00 - \$110.00 = \$840.00).

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Respectfully submitted,

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